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Debit Card Abuse; Card stolen from Victim while in a coma

The Austin Police Department Financial Crimes Unit is currently investigating a debit card abuse case in which the victim was in a coma at Seton Hospital at the time of the offense. The victim reported being in a coma for two months beginning in May 2009.

The victim's ATM card was used approximately eight times between June 22 and June 29, 2009 to withdraw over \$1,300 from his account. One withdrawal occurred in San Antonio and the rest were in Austin. The theft wasn't discovered until after the victim's recovery and discharge from the hospital.

Suspect is described as:

- Hispanic female
- Late 20's to mid-30's
- Has a young female child
- Driving a maroon 2005-2006 Chevrolet Silverado LS Crew Cab or Extended Cab pickup with tan interior and a black toolbox in the bed

Seton Medical Center is cooperating fully with the Austin Police Department.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the APD Financial Crimes Unit at 974-5290.

Media Advisory: A Detective will be available for interview at 11 a.m. at APD Headquarters. Please call APD PIO if you plan to attend. Surveillance photos are attached.

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